

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....February 2, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Alan Thompson
and Commissioner Howard Lyons

Minutes: Sally Fortino

Commissioner Chilcott was in Helena to testify before the House of Representatives.

The Board of County Commissioners met with Dr. Bret Bender, Public Health Officer and Public Health Nurse Judy Griffin to discuss the Indoor Environmental Study at the Courthouse. Brian Jameson, Maintenance Director, and Skip Rosenthal, Human Resources Director, were also present.

Commissioner Thompson opened the meeting and asked Dr. Bender to comment on the Summary Report. Dr. Bender said the report was well done. The report stated the harmful substances must be cleaned up, but not stirred up. If stirred up, they can remain in the air for an extended time. The Remediation Manager's highest priority is to protect the health of those who use the services of and/or are employed at the facility. If allowed to continue, the problem will penetrate the ventilation system, further perpetuating the hazardous situation.

Judy said she has been concerned for ailing patients entering the facility, as the unhealthy conditions within the facility could negatively impact their weakened immune systems.

Skip said the priorities are: (1) to remove soil from decorative planters and to remove carpets. Such action should inhibit the growth of mold. (2) Upgrade the system to increase air exchange in the basement. (3) Discontinue use of the ozone generator in the building. Remove it from the building. He added the humidifier would promote growth of mold and suggested the humidifier not be used during summer months.

Skip questioned the necessity of using a humidifier during the summer months. Brian said the exchange of air has been a subject of concern for him.

Commissioner Thompson said the Board of County Commissioners has an opportunity to correct the most glaring conditions: remove the dirt in the existing planters, possibly

replacing them with another form of decoration; remove carpet from the election office and replace it with a permanent hard surface, installing some type of barrier before the hard surface is installed.

Commissioner Thompson said he asked for an energy audit for the Courthouse some time ago. The audit and resultant proposals would demonstrate monetary savings. He added better working conditions and a better atmosphere for visitors would be the result.

Judy said it is imperative to correct problems within the Public Health Nurse Department and 9-1-1, removing the dry wall where mold has grown behind it. Brian said the roof must be examined to assure it is water-tight.

Judy asked Brian to look at carpet removal in the Election Room. She said the high priority bid is for the work to be done in the bathroom. Clients in the Family Planning program have their confidentiality breached when they must travel through a hallway with testing supplies.

Dr. Bender said HIPA laws have to do with medical records and other possibilities of breach of confidentiality. The bathroom is part of that circumstance.

Brian said the reserves area and maintenance offices in the basement have the same carpet; it should be removed at the same time.

Commissioner Thompson said they are all the same problem, and all the same solution. They need to know the cost of removal and replacement for the floor.

Skip said he spoke to Klarysse Murphy (the county's internal auditor) about the funds needed for the repairs.

Dr. Bender suggested an application of epoxy, perhaps mixed with stone. He suggested consulting with the Maintenance Department for ideas. Commissioner Lyons commented on the number of options available.

Skip said estimates will give an idea of cost; maybe funding sources are available.

Judy noted that anyone working in the Courthouse while repairs are being made may be affected. Skip said those responsible for doing the job are aware of the steps needed to protect everyone.

Commissioner Thompson said we asked for a report because of allegations of problems. Now we know what to do to correct them. Commissioner Lyons asked if the roof has been fixed. Commissioner Thompson reviewed the problem caused by the roof satellite.

Brian said a hot tar roof is a good roof, but it has been there for an extended time. We had reconditioning done, but we may need to re-roof.

Dr. Bender said he is available if there is any way he can be of further assistance.

In other business the Board of County Commissioners met to open bids for the Darby Library CTEP project. Skip Rosenthal and John Horat were present for the bid openings, as were representatives from Advanced Earthworks and Enterprises, LLC.

Commissioners Thompson and Lyons opened the bids as follows:

Valley Landscaping, Missoula: \$136,538.50, bid bond (10% of bid), DBE requirements, knowledge of addendum form.

Empire Landscaping, Victor: \$181,229.00, bid bond (10% of bid), DBE requirements, knowledge of addendum form.

JBS Enterprises, Hamilton: \$134,963.00 bid bond (10% of bid), DBE requirements, knowledge of addendum form.

Advanced Earthworks, Hamilton: \$107,000.00 bid bond (10% of bid), DBE requirements, knowledge of addendum form.

Commissioner Thompson asked for a motion to have the engineer (John Horat) assess the bids to determine if each is in compliance, and bring a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner Lyons made a motion to that effect and Commissioner Thompson seconded it. All voted 'aye'.